

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on September 21, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Project Manager Jere.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$119,641.66 and Vouchers in the amount of \$442,619.42 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meetings held on August 24th and September 7, 2017 and the Special Meeting minutes from August 31, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Surveyor Wiggins

- Staking Hewer Rd project. Approximately 3000 feet.
- Lakeshore Dr projects staking and prep work.
- Project Manager Jere is working with the pavers today.

Foreman Erickson

- The 12 Mile Bridge project is complete and is reopened for traffic.
- Ditch clean out on Forest Rd.
- Brush Hog is in use on Sugar Island.
- Screen plant has been moved to Pickford.
- General maintenance catch up.

Foreman Goodman

- John Deere Brush Hog is in use in Rudyard.
- N. Hulbert Rd is coming along well. Completion in two weeks.
- Paving to start soon on Prairie Rd.
- Ditching in Fibre.
- General equipment maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Changed several old culverts.
- Pt. Aux Frenes Rd. is complete. Looks Great.
- Moving onto Hewer Rd.

Office Manager Decker

- Security updates have begun. The cameras and monitor have been installed. The contractor will be returning next week to connect the new security system and phone system together.
- A new safety window and improvements to the interior door have been ordered for the front entryway. Other updates to follow.
- Trying new carbide grader blades. Discussion ensued.
- Financials are ready for August.
- Due to the State of Michigan computer upgrade, MTF payments have been made early to avoid any funding problems.

Engineer Krouth

- Funding for the small urban project on Kincheloe Dr. has been approved and will most likely be in the November letting.
- The official Plaque has been installed on the Little Rapids Bridge, the integrative sign pedestal should be installed by the end of the week. A project wrap-up video is being planned.
- The 12 Mile site has been inspected by our bridge inspection consultants to comply with MDOT requirements. Guardrail is the last item to be installed.
- Design work.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Going through the sanders and plows in preparation for winter.
- Met with the Peterbilt rep to see what changes are ahead for trucks and equipment.
- General maintenance.

Union President Hopper

- President Hopper asked if anymore discussion was held on new brighter headlights on the Hwy trucks like Luce County has.
- He suggested a fulltime employee to operate the Brush Hog.
- Asked if policy will be changed on speed limits?
- Reported that the light over the fuel pump needs repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for Signature on ACT 51 Annual Certification

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to Authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the ACT 51 Annual Certification of Employee Related Conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

Used Equipment Bid Award

Manager Decker reviewed the items for sale and the bids received.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award each item to the highest bidder.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned that he saw several people fishing along the new Sugar Island Bridge.

Chairman Timmer thanked everyone for their time.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman